

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the opinion that patentable subject matter is present. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based upon the following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 4-9, 11-15, 18-23 and 25-28 were examined and are currently under prosecution. No amendments have been made herein.

Claims 1, 9, 15 and 23 are independent claims. Claims 4-8 are dependent upon Claim 1, Claims 11-14 are dependent upon Claim 9, Claims 18-22 are dependent upon Claim 15 and Claims 25-28 are dependent upon Claim 23.

Rejection based on Tateyama

Claims 1, 4-9, 11-15, 18-23 and 25-28 have been rejected as being anticipated by Tateyama.

It is respectfully submitted that Tateyama does not teach nor suggest that the first controller, the one that controls the image recording device, automatically controls the image recording device so that the image based on the image information transmitted from the second controller is recorded. Applicant also submits that the second controller does not add priority data to the image information data and then transmits the image information data with the priority data to the first controller so that the first controller controls printing based on the priority data.

Claims 1, 9, 15 and 23 each recite that the first controller automatically controls the image recording device to record the image based on the image information transmitted from the second controller. Since Claims 4-8, 11-14, 18-22 and 25-28 ultimately depend on Claims 1, 9, 15 and 23, respectively, all the claims presented herein have this limitation.

Tateyama teaches that operating unit 26 of printer 1102 is operated by the user to input instructions such as start and end of printer operation, see specifically, Paragraph 0453. In other words, there is no automatic control by the first controller.

In contrast, the present Invention, as recited in the Claims, specifies that the first controller automatically controls the image recording device to record an image. Thus, the first controller operates on its own initiative to cause the image forming device to form an image based on the transmitted image information.

Each one of the claims, as contained herein, recites that the first controller automatically controls the image recording device so as to cause the image to be recorded, thus, it is submitted that each one of the claims is patentable over Tateyama.

Claims 15 and 23 and their dependent Claims of 18-22 and 25-28, respectively, recite that priority data is added to the image information in the memory by the second controller and that this priority data along with the image information is transmitted to the first controller which

then records the image on the image recording device based on the image information and the priority order information.

In contrast, Tateyama does not teach adding such priority information. The "print cycle", which is referred to in Paragraph 0467, is the beginning of a second print operation after completion of the first printing operation. It is referring to notifying the recorder/reproduction device that the printing operation in the printer has been completed. This is not priority information.

In the present Invention, the priority data is referred to as date and time for completion of the recording, see page 26, lines 12-22. In other words, the user inputs into the system when they want their pictures developed.

Respectfully, Tateyama does not teach or suggest the addition of such priority data or that the recording device is controlled by the first controller based on this priority information.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present Invention is neither taught nor suggested by Tateyama.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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